

Community, Economic, & Human Development Committee

Action Minutes

Meeting Date: Thursday, September 2, 2004

Meeting Location: SCAG Offices
818 West 7th Street, 12th Floor
Los Angeles, CA 90017

The following minutes are a summary of actions taken by the Community, Economic, and Human Development Committee. Audio recordings of the meeting may be heard in the SCAG office during office hours.

Committee Chair: Deborah Robertson, Rialto
Committee Vice Chair: Paul Bowlen, Cerritos

Members Present

Alberg, Lyle
Bowlen, Paul
Cruz-Madrid, Cristina
Davert, Doug
Dispenza, Mike
Duke, Alta
Hofmeyer, Daryl
Longville, Susan
Loveridge, Ronald
Lutz, Mary Ann
McCarthy, Keith
McCullough, Kathryn
Moreno, Jr., Efren
Nowatka, Paul
Perry, Bev
Poe, Marilyn
Robertson, Deborah
Shields, M. Jo

Representing

SANBAG
Cerritos
SGVCOG
Tustin
Palmdale
La Palma
Paramount
SANBAG
Riverside
Monrovia
Downey
OCCOG
SVGCOG
Torrance
Brea
Los Alamitos
Rialto
Brawley

Members Absent

Alexander, William
Bosworth, Gary
Burgnon, Edward
Campbell, Todd
Coerper, Gil
Guillen, Manuel
Mc Sweeney, Susan
Norby, Chris
Perry, Jan
Pinkard, Bedford
Reyes, Ed
Richardson, Laura
White, Charles
Yousefian, Bob

Representing

SANBAG
CVAG
SANBAG
Burbank
Huntington Beach
Gateway Cities
Westlake Village
Orange County
Los Angeles
Oxnard
Los Angeles
Long Beach
WRCOG
Glendale

New Members

None

Representing

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1.0 CALL TO ORDER

Deborah Robertson, Chair, confirmed a quorum and called the meeting to order at 10:32m. Chair Robertson welcomed new member Councilmember Daryl Hofmeyer of the City of Paramount.

2.0 PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

See Item #

3.0 REVIEW AND PRIORITIZE AGENDA ITEMS

4.0 CONSENT CALENDAR

The following consent calendar items were approved without objection.

4.1 Approval Item

4.1.1 Minutes of the September 2, 2004 Meeting

4.2 Receive and File

4.2.1 SCAG Legislative Matrix

5.0 ACTION ITEM

5.1 Regional Comprehensive Plan

Jacob Lieb, Acting Lead Regional Planner, presented an overview of staff's proposed concepts and approaches for the preparation of a Regional Comprehensive Plan (RCP). The RCP is intended to promote the implementation regional policies and programs, including the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) and the Compass Growth Vision.

The committee voted unanimously to recommend that Regional Council approve the program concepts and approaches with the addition of a chapter on education, and with adjustments in the program schedule.

6.0 INFORMATION ITEMS

6.1 Report: "Logistics and Distribution: An Answer to Regional Upward Social Mobility"

John Husing, President, Economic and Politics, Inc was not able to give his presentation due to extensive discussion at the TCC meeting. Therefore, his presentation will be given at the October 7 CEHD meeting.

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6.2 Community Development Division Work Plan

Lynn Harris, Manager of Community Development, gave a brief review of the FY 04-05-work program for the Community Development Division. Ms. Harris stated division had completed their work projects for FY 02-03, in particular: Compass Growth Visioning program; Housing Summit; Economic Forecast Conference; Regional Housing Needs Assessment; Special Grants (Interregional Partnership, LA LOTS program; HUD technical assistance grants).

Ms. Harris reported that the areas of focus for FY 04-05 would be: Compass implementation, Regional Comprehensive Plan, Economic Development Strategies, 2007 RTP Forecast, and Economic and Housing Summits.

6.3 Compass Implementation Work Program

Mark Butala, Senior Regional Planner, gave the Committee a report on the Compass Implementation program in particular the role of consultants in that program. Mr. Butala reported that the Regional Council at its August 5 meeting approved a contract with Fregonese Calthorpe Associates (FCA) along with a group of subconsultants to work on the project over the next year.

6.4 Regional Economic Forecast Conference

Bruce DeVine, Chief Economist, reported on the upcoming Economic Forecast Conference scheduled for November 18 at the Disney Concert Hall, 111 N. Grand Avenue, Los Angeles. Regional Council members were invited to attend the conference they but they must register so that they can be included in the count. Mr. DeVine said it is possible to register for the conference on the SCAG web page. Mr. DeVine stated the agency is still looking for sponsors of the event so if the Committee had a suggestion for a possible sponsor please contact him, Cheryl Collier or Linda Jones of the SCAG staff. Mr. DeVine said the panel discussion this year will be on logistic and trade.

6.5 Analysis of CA DOF Population Projections

The Committee accepted the report with no presentation given due to time constraints.

6.6 2003 Venture Capital Investment in the SCAG Region

Mr. DeVine gave a brief report on the status of Venture Capital Investment in the SCAG region for 2003. Venture Capital investment fell to \$992 million, down from \$1.2 billion in 2002. Mr. DeVine's presentation looked at recent trends in the nation and discussed the factors behind the 2000-2003 decline in investments. The report also covered the types of businesses in which areas of the region are attracting venture capital, and highlighted the important of venture capital in the economy.

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6.7 Intergovernmental Review (IGR)

Due to a shortage of time the Committee asked that this item be tabled to another meeting.

7.0 CHAIR'S REPORT

None

8.0 STAFF REPORT

None.

9.0 FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Intergovernmental Review (IGR)

10.0 CLOSED SESSION

Chair Robertson announced the Committee was going into closed session at 11:55 a.m. Attorney Leonard stated the closed session was for the purpose of a conference with legal counsel on existing litigation known as SCAG v. HCD and BT&H, pursuant to California Government Code Section § 54956.9(a). Closed session was held regarding existing litigation.

Committee convened back to open session at 12:20 p.m. Attorney Leonard announced the following action was taken by the Committee:

Motion was made to recommend to the Regional Council settlement of the subject litigation along five principles that will be further explained during Regional Council meeting.

11.0 ANNOUNCEMENT

Before proceeding to closed session, Mayor Cristina Cruz-Madrid, San Gabriel Valley COG, announced that she had been appointed to the Universal Pre-School with the Los Angeles Board of Supervisors and that they expected to spend \$600 million for all 4-year olds in Los Angeles County over the next 10 years.

12.0 ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 12:20 p.m. The next CEHD meeting will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Thursday, October 7, 2004 at the SCAG Office.

Action Minutes Approved by:


**Lynn Harris, Manager
Community Development**